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## Submissions Guide

Biblioasis publishes sixteen to twenty works of literary fiction, short fiction, nonfiction, translation, and poetry per year. Of those titles, approximately eight or ten are preselected by our editorial board (Stephen Henighan, translation; John Metcalf, fiction; Eric Ormsby, poetry; Dan Wells, nonfiction). This means that filling the remaining slots—which may also include commercial titles, regional history titles, or books about hockey—is a competitive process. We receive hundreds of submissions per year.

Regarding the small number of unsolicited manuscripts we do publish, however, there isn't really a hard-and-fast rule about the styles and/or genres we accept. We're searching for works of exceptional quality across the board. From more established writers, we seek works that can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those by Clark Blaise, Bruce Jay Friedman, Douglas Glover, or Eric Ormsby. For emerging writers, we look for potential both within the work and the author: we're proud to have published debuts by Kathleen Winter, Alexander MacLeod, Amanda Jernigan, Alice Petersen, and more.

If you would like to submit your material to us, we ask that you take some time to familiarize yourself with the books on our list. It always makes a difference to know that a prospective author is interested in/a supporter of what we do. After that, and if you feel strongly that Biblioasis is the right press for you, please follow the steps outlined below.

**Please note that while the majority of our authors and translators are Canadian, we do selectively consider international submissions.**

**Please also note that, given our present publishing commitments, it is unlikely that new unsolicited works of fiction will see publication within two years. (It's not impossible, but it's unlikely.)**

### To submit:

1. To submit, please send your manuscript to **Biblioasis, 1520 Wyandotte St East, Windsor ON N9A 3L2**. If this is an unsolicited submission please mark the envelope with the phrase "Press Submissions," and the genre (i.e., fiction, short fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.).
2. Please include an introductory letter that describes your work and compares it to at least two current Biblioasis titles, explaining what you think your book contributes to our list.
3. Please include a literary CV listing your previous publications and all relevant experience.
4. If you would like your manuscript back, please enclose a self-addressed envelope with adequate postage. If you don't want your MS back, a small stamped envelope or e-mail address is fine.

5. Electronic submissions are welcome. If submitting electronically, please email PDFs when submitting poetry (to retain spacing) and Word files for all other submissions. Submit manuscripts to [submissions@biblioasis.com](mailto:submissions@biblioasis.com). You may include the cover letter and CV as a separate file or as a part of the MS. **If you are submitting electronically, please send your manuscript only once. Revised and updated versions will not be read, so make sure you're happy with your text before sending.**
6. Be patient. We try to respond promptly, but we do receive hundreds of submissions, so it may take us several months to get back to you. Please do not call or email to check on the status of your submission. We will answer you as promptly as possible.